

OBSERVATIONS---OPERATIONS AT CAMP GREENE

GEN. WEDGWOOD LIKES CHARLOTTE

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ments the Citizenship.

"Charmed" is the word Brigadier General E. A. Wedgwood, military commander of Camp Greene, uses in expressing his opinions of Charlotte. Yesterday afternoon the general was the guest of a few gentlemen on a drive about the city and for more than two hours he commented upon points of excellence he saw. One of the first things to attract his attention was the streets. He commented most favorably upon the condition of the paved streets, and the mileage.

"Perhaps we are picking the streets over which we are taking you," remarked one of those with him.

"Even so, the great stretches of excellent thoroughfares is a source of

surprise to me. They are a great asset to your city."

And this is but a sample of the opinions he expressed throughout the afternoon. The general is a native of a city which has now some 150,000 population. Twenty years ago its population was about what Charlotte's is today. He compared the two cities, not the Charlotte of today with his native town of 20 years ago, but with that city today, and declared that Charlotte is far ahead in many ways, a much more desirable city in practically every way. "And my home city of twenty years ago," said he, "could not be compared in any way with the Charlotte of today, about the same size."

The architecture, varied as it is, appealed strongly to the visitor, and he commented, in many sections, upon the spacious grounds surrounding the home, comparing this plan with that of placing buildings flush with the sidewalk line.

Another thing which called for comment was the presence of many magnificent trees about homes in many sections. He noted the fact that these trees are of exceedingly slow growth and their size would indicate a great age.

At the conclusion of the drive General Wedgwood declared that he is simply surprised to find Charlotte such a city. "I knew, in a general way, a little something of the progressiveness of the city of Charlotte, but I was in no way prepared for the magnificent city I find. I have met a number of your business and professional people and I am delighted that my lot has fallen in such a pleasant locality."